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1. (U) SUMMARY: TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 26 SESSION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH TALKS, NORTH KOREA HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL NOT CONTINUE THE TALKS "UNTIL ALL AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN NORMALIZED IN SOUTH KOREA." END SUMMARY.

2. (U) PYONGYANG DOMESTIC RADIO BROADCAST A STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 24 BY THE WORKING LEVEL DELEGATION FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH PREMIERS' CONTACT SUSPENDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING LEVEL TALKS. CITING THE "INTOLERABLE GRAVE

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SITUATION...CREATED OF LATE IN SOUTH KOREA BY THE NEW FASCIST RULERS," "NATION-SPLITTING MANEUVERS SEEKING THE 'TWO KOREAS' POLICY," THE KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) TRIAL VERDICT AND "SLAUGHTERING OF FELLOW COUNTRYMEN," THE DPRK STATEMENT SAID THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORKING LEVEL NORTH-SOUTH TALKS "WOULD BE MEANINGLESS." "WE WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT THE CONTACT SITE FOR THE TIME BEING UNTIL ALL AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN NORMALIZED IN SOUTH KOREA."

3. (LOU) THE NORTH'S DECISION IS CONSISTENT WITH RECENT DETERIORATION IN THE TALKS. AT THE LAST MEETING, AUGUST 20, 1980, THE DPRK DELEGATION DID LITTLE MORE SHOW UP TO READ A STATEMENT SAYING TALKS WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL BECAUSE OF THE "CONFUSED SITUATION" IN THE SOUTH. THE DPRK DID, HOWEVER, AGREE TO MEET AGAIN -- OR, IN ITS WORDS, TO POSTPONE THE AUGUST 20 MEETING UNTIL --

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SEPTEMBER 26 AT FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE JOINT SECURITY AREA AT PANMUNJOM (REF B). PROSPECTS FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE TALKS DIMMED FURTHER ON SEPTEMBER 4 WHEN NORTH KOREA RESUMED LOUDSPEAKER PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS ALONG THE DMZ, PREVIOUSLY DISCONTINUED SINCE THE PARK ASSASSINATION (REF C). THE SOUTH, IN THE MEANTIME, OFFERED AN OLIVE TWIG IN THE FORM OF A SEPTEMBER 12 PROPOSAL BY ROK RED CROSS PRESIDENT LEE HO (M-R: YI EO) TO RESUME FULL-SCALE RED CROSS TALKS (REF D) (DISTINGT FROM THE PREMIER TALKS AND THE WORKING LEVEL TALKS FOR THE PREMIER TALKS). PYONGYANG'S SEPTEMBER 24 STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION THE RED CROSS TALKS OR LEE'S PROPOSAL, IGNORED TO DATE BY THE DPRK.
4. (C)

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